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Honorable David A. Stockman  
Director  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to the request from your Office for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on Enrolled Bill H.R. 7154, the "Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Amendments Act of 1982." The Central Intelligence Agency has no objection to the legislation and defers to the advice of the Department of Justice as to whether the President should approve it.

The legislation simplifies the rules governing service of process in civil actions in federal district courts, by encouraging service of process by mail and relieving the United States Marshals Service of the burdensome duty of routinely serving process for private parties in civil actions. The last section of the Bill amends the Foreign Agents Registration Act (18 U.S.C. § 951) to increase from \$5,000 to \$75,000 the potential criminal fine for acting within the United States as an agent for a foreign government without prior notification to the Secretary of State. None of the provisions of the legislation will have an adverse effect on the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

We appreciate very much the opportunity to express our views on this legislation.

Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

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